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JOEY GIBSON

PATRIOT PRAYER

DEAD END'S RIGHTS WASHINGTON AREA & MEMBER



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At rallies and street clashes around the country, violence has been a part of the Patriot Prayer brand. Gibson is currently facing felony riot charges for his actions outside of a Portland pub in 2019. Patriot Prayer figure, Tusitla “Tiny” Toese, pled guilty to assault connected to his activity with the group.[\[1\]](#)

The group’s anti-left fanaticism is reflected in some members, such as Tusitla Toese, wearing t-shirts declaring that “Pinochet Did Nothing Wrong” – a reference to the Chilean Dictator Augusto who came to power through a CIA-backed military coup that overthrew democratically-elected President Salvador Allende and whose regime launched a campaign of brutal repression against left opposition.[\[2\]](#) White nationalists and racist reactionaries like the Proud Boys have been documented at Patriot Prayer events. Gibson is also known for organizing and [attending anti-Muslim events](#).[\[3\]](#)

In recent months, following his indictment, Gibson appears to be attempting to rebrand his image from an unhinged anti-anti-fascist street fighter into a so-called “constitutionalist” or “patriot,” even giving voice to ideas associated with the [Posse Comitatus](#).

Joey Gibson has officially been a member of the People’s Rights Washington Area 8 Facebook group since July 1. Gibson has played an important role with People’s Rights through his work with Area 4 assistant Kelli Stewart. Together they led efforts to [press local public officials to refuse to enforce COVID-19-related restrictions](#).

In May, Gibson also spoke at a “Liberate America” event hosted by People’s Rights figure Casey Whalen of North Idaho Exposed. And Whalen interviewed

NOTES

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[2] United States Institute of Peace. Report of the Chilean National Commission on Truth and Reconciliation. October 4, 2002. https://www.usip.org/sites/default/files/resources/collections/truth_commissions/Chile90-Report/Chile90-Report.pdf. The Pinochet regime’s anti-left campaign included killing 1,068 people through political violence, execution, and torture, and having 957 “disappeared after arrest,” according to the 1993 Report of the Chilean National Commission on Truth and Reconciliation. On Tusitala and the t-shirt, see instance, Latino Rebels. A ‘Pinochet Did Nothing Wrong’ T-Shirt Got Attention at Portland Far Right Rally. August 6, 2018. <http://www.latinorebels.com/2018/08/06/pinochetdidnothingwrongbs/>; KOIN 6 New Staff. “‘Pinochet Did No Wrong’: Who is Pinochet.” KOIN 6 News. August 4, 2018. <https://www.koin.com/local/multnomah-county/pinochet-did-no-wrong-who-is-pinochet/>.

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